

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Rotation Mechanism for Construction Machine and Method
of Measuring Backlash in the Mechanism

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2008. *An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.*

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. *No additional claims fees are due.*

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.